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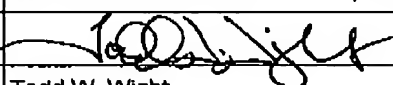
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POLYTETRAFLUOROETHYLENE  
STRUCTURE

Examiner: J. M. Wollschlager

**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the Office communication/Interview Summary dated March 23, 2007, for which a response is due on April 23, 2007. Accordingly, this response is timely filed. Applicants note that the issue fee was submitted on March 30, 2007, prior to receipt of the Interview Summary to which this is a response.

Statement of the Substance of the Interview begins on page 2 of this paper.

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**STATEMENT OF THE SUBSTANCE OF THE INTERVIEW**

Pursuant to MPEP § 713.04, below is a statement of the substance of the interview set forth by the Examiner in the Interview Summary correspondence mailed March 23, 2007.

The Interview was conducted via telephone on March 5, 2007, between the undersigned and Examiner Jeff Wollschlager. Claims 1-16 were discussed in view of USPN 6,187,054 to Colone et al. The Examiner proposed the claim amendments included in the Notice of Allowability mailed March 23, 2007, i.e., amendments to independent claims 1 and 9, dependent claims 7-8 and 14-15, and the cancellation of dependent claims 6 and 13. The discussion during the interview centered around the limitation in the independent claims of maintaining a substantially constant diameter during at least the heating step, which Applicants asserted was not shown or described by Colone et al. The Examiner maintained his viewpoint and Applicants agreed to the proposed amendment in the interest of compact prosecution, even though Applicants disagreed with the Examiner's position.

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